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## HINKLE & CHITTY, Dealers in Everything, ORAN.

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### JUDICIAL NOMINATION.

Judge Riley was renominated to succeed himself in what was called a judicial convention that is said to have met at Charleston Wednesday of last week.

It must have been a tame affair. I read the account of it in the Charleston Courier—a paper very friendly to Judge Riley. It contained nearly two columns of carefully prepared stuff that was intended to be accepted as the proceedings of the convention.

If there was anybody present from this judicial circuit besides Judge Riley and a very few lawyer-politicians the Courier makes no mention of it.

Thinking, perhaps, that the editor might have been careless in his report of the proceedings, I scanned the local and personal columns of the paper carefully to see if anybody had been in Charleston. A thorough search disclosed the fact that nobody had been there, and neither the Hon. W. H. Miller or Hon. Wm. Hunter were present at the editor's evidently cautious to cut it out.

Then I picked up the Charleston Enterprise and the Charleston Star to see if anybody had been in town. A careful examination revealed that Wm. Hunter of Benton and A. J. Matthews and a few others from Sikeston were there on Wednesday—the day of the convention.

Cape Girardeau county had instructed for J. W. Limbaugh, and that gentleman was permitted to select his own delegates. Scott county was given to Albert De Reim and he was likewise authorized to choose his delegates.

Judge Riley carried New Madrid, Pemiscot and Mississippi, but in order to carry the latter two the judge had to shift his sails from the machine to the folk breeze so suddenly that his boat came near capsizing. He went into the alleged convention with a majority of only two.

The convention passed resolutions endorsing the "time-honored" principles of the Democratic party, and leaves the voter to guess at what these principles are. To a Cleveland Democrat they mean one thing and to a Bryan Democrat an entirely different thing. Now figure it out.

They heartily endorsed the able and economical administration of Governor A. M. Dockery and other state officials, and in the same same breath endorsed Joe Folk. It would have been more consistent to have endorsed both Bryan and Roosevelt.

They endorsed Vandiver, Russell, Riley, Senator Marshall, J. W. Faris and World's Fair Commissioner W. H. Marshall. In short, they endorsed everything—except Bryan and the Kansas City platform.

While I could mention at least one case in which Judge Riley's decision was based upon political ties rather than upon law, and on which he was most unreservedly reversed by the higher court, yet, as a whole, his rulings are fair.

I do not find fault with him as a judge. But he is a politician of the most dangerous kind. Like Jim Seibert, he is of that class who pull the wires from behind a screen—a smooth Article.

In his own county convention to select delegates to the state convention he was forced into the open with the result that he and the chairman of the county committee ran the blind call over hundreds of farmers, and nominated delegates antagonistic to Folk notwithstanding the fact that the people of New Madrid county are as

strong for the Circuit Attorney as are the people of Scott.

Is such conduct proper in a man who is supposed to personify justice?

### NO DENIAL POSSIBLE.

It is a noticeable fact that no crossroads organ that was selected by Sam Cook to print the Constitution of Amendments two years ago—and expects to be selected again next fall—has dared to deny the charges against Cook. They just blither away and say that he is a capable official and a loyal Democrat, but refuse to discuss the allegations to him.

There is good reason for this. Any denial of the charges could be met by Cook's own sworn statements. Among other things, Cook has admitted that he is a lobbyist, a hustler for campaign funds, a falsifier of books and a participant in a bribery transaction.

But it may be that the organs that shape their course with an eye single to getting in on the Constitutional Amendment graft can see nothing wrong in Cook's action, so long as he holds it in the interest of the party.

However, they will earn all they get out of the state treasury this trip. It is going to take some heavy pounding to pull Cook through.

### A WRONG CONCLUSION.

In the bribery case of R. M. Snyder, the Kansas City millionaire, which the supreme court reversed and remanded last Tuesday, there is little or no question of Snyder's guilt, but, like many another rascal, he escapes the penalty through the loopholes of the statute of limitations.

No, that wasn't it. Millionaire Snyder escaped punishment because he was a millionaire. If the expense for turning him loose had not been the statute of limitations, it would have been something else. The law does not apply to the rich—except for their enrichment and protection.

Several weeks ago the KICKER proposed to pay the cost of comparing subscription lists with and paper in the county that could come within four hundred of its circulation. Since that time none have been drawn enough to claim the "largest circulation." The KICKER now makes a similar proposition to any paper of the county that can come within five hundred of its circulation. The KICKER wants advertisers to know the truth. But, judging from the way they buy space in this paper, they are already "on."

Julius Lehman and Emil Hartman, two St. Louis hoodlums who distributed \$17,000 bribe money as members of the House of Delegates, were taken to the penitentiary last week to serve terms of seven and six years respectively. Both Lehman and Hartman are Republicans. It is a little strange that the poor devils who accepted the bribes go to the pen, while the rich devils who bribed them lead St. Louis society.

The "poodle press" is the latest name applied to the Samcooked organs. Well, it is mighty appropriate. These organs have to do a mighty sight of pupping. And every one of them will earn the \$200 they expect to get from the state treasury. In every issue from now until after the state convention they will be expected to tell how honest and capable Sammy is.

Bro. Bowman of the Fredericktown Tribune says he has been promised the Constitutional Amendments job next fall. He had better keep an eye on Bro. Purcell of the Democrat-News. Purcell is making a most powerful bid for that chunk of pie, and if he doesn't land it the KICKER will retire as a prophet.

A son of the millionaire bribe-giver R. M. Snyder was convicted of highway robbery in Kansas City and given five years, but was paroled.

### ENDORSED EVERYTHING

The Riley convention held at Charleston last week "resolved" quite freely. It endorsed Dockery and "other state officials," and in the same breath endorsed Joe Folk and pledged its "unqualified support" to his laudable efforts to stamp out bootlegism and corruption wherever it exists.

Oh, consistency, thou art—a back number. The "other state officials" includes Sam Cook, of course. Hence the Riley convention endorsed a man who admitted under oath that he lobbied the infamous "Horse-breeder's" law through the legislature for a fee; the man who admitted that, as chairman of the Democratic State Committee, he gathered large campaign contributions from corporate representatives and falsified the books in order to "hide the shells"; the man who was implicated in a bribery transaction between Dick Speed and Senator Lyons and was saved from indictment only by the statute of limitations, etc.

This is the man for whom the general endorsement of the Riley convention was intended—for he needs it most. And then the convention endorsed Joe Folk for having exposed him.

### WARM PARAGRAPHS.

When S. J. Bure, a rural mail carrier of St. Louis, Iowa, applied for a place in the postal department in the place of some of the hoodlums, it caused much amusement in Washington City, so the dispatches said. For a workman to apply for a high position was so funny that the letter was given the public and telegraphed all over the country and the fellow held up to ridicule and scorn, probably to make the workingmen learn their proper places. And the mule still votes the same old ticket!

The rich can do no wrong. The Deweys, who killed a man whose property they had failed to force from him, have been acquitted! It was one of the blackest crimes in Kansas' history. Of such is modern civilization. The poor go to prison for the merest infraction of social rules, while the rich can commit any crime and go free. The courts are a farce when applied to the crimes of the rich.

An Arizona newspaper gives the following definition of the word cigarette. A cigarette is a roll of paper, tobacco and drugs, with a small fire on one end and a fool on the other. Some of the chief enjoyments are considered to be nightgowns, fits, cancer of the lips and stomach, spinal meningitis, softening of the brain, funeral processions, and families shrouded in gloom.

The government announces that there will be no further prosecuting of mergers! The decision of the Northern Securities case was merely a political decision. It was evidently satisfactory to the merger gang. As J. J. Hill said: "The Securities stock is all here and worth just as much as ever." And the public—that great, unnamed gullible—believes all the trusts are dead now.

### Building Lots for Sale.

Miller's addition to Oran contains some elegant building lots. The location is attractive and the soil fertile and level. Good water easily obtainable. Streets sixty feet wide divide the blocks, and the lots are 50x148 feet in size and can be bought at \$75 and \$80 each. For particulars apply to Ed. L. Miller, Oran.

### SOUTHEAST NOTES.

Judge F. R. Dearing of the 21st district died of consumption at his home in Hillsboro Thursday of last week, in his 41st year. He was a man who had more reverence for the spirit than for the technical letter of the law, and did even-handed justice more often than some of his more subtle brother jurists. He tried the cattle-thieves in this county some years ago, and these cases were the first in which he sat as judge.

New Madrid had a fire on the 10th which about wiped out the east side of Main street. Fine chance to pass an ordinance against freetraps and then, like Benton, annual it. Benton has made elaborate preparations for another fire.

The hanging of Mart Yowel at Paragould, Ark., aroused a lot of morbid curiosity and morbid sentiment in our swamp counties, where the outlaws of society still find much undeserved sympathy.

The proceedings at the judicial convention at Charleston read like the proceedings of the famous "Three Tailors of Tooty Street," whose pronouncements began, "We, the People of England."

A Charleston druggist has been arrested for violating the local option law, and a specialty in patent medicine has got an Andalusian man into similar trouble.

That Poplar bluff negro who was convicted of branding another to death, goes only two years in the pen. Human life seems to get cheaper every day.

In his vocabulary in the Scott County Democrat due W. Moore says he has a high opinion of the intelligence of those who refused to patronize him.

Chas. E. Stokes, the temperance newspaper man and betterer, has just married Miss Carrie Lee Carter of Dexter, lecturer for the national W. C. T. U.

The Farmington electric railroad will be in operation from DeLassus to Farmington by July 1—if it "modings" happens.

James Jones, who shot town marshal Greer of Bloomfield dead last March, goes to the pen for twenty years.

Judge Fort of the 22d Judicial District was renominated by acclamation at Malden on the 15th inst.

The Dunklin Democrat is now the owner of an up-to-date Cranston press—a recent acquisition.

Malden is to have another newspaper, and the News is getting a pay-day move on itself.

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Straight patent flour, 25 lb. sk., .65	Cottage Hams, per pound, - 10c
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